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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Additionally, the cross-reference information has been included in the specification. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The transfer device according to claim 1-~~or~~2, characterized in that a ring-like rail is used as the horizontal rail, and is arranged along the horizontal plane, an outer frame carriage forming an internal space is used as the carriage, and is supported to the ring-like rail at a plurality of portions of the carriage, a plurality of vertical columns is arranged in the ring-like rail along an inner periphery of the carriage, the vertical column and the carriage are connected rigidly to each other, the table is arranged between the vertical columns, and is passed through the internal space of the carriage so that the table is lifted up and down along the vertical columns, and the carriage is run and rotated along the ring-like rail.

5. (Amended) The transfer device according to claim 1-~~or~~2, characterized in that a pair of linear rails is used as the horizontal rail, and is horizontally arranged in parallel at a predetermined interval, an outer frame carriage forming an internal space is used as the carriage, and is arranged between the linear rail so that the carriage is supported to the linear rail, a plurality of vertical columns is arranged between the linear rails along an inner periphery of the carriage, the vertical column and the carriage are connected rigidly to each other, the table is arranged between the vertical columns, and is passed through the internal space of the carriage so that the table is lifted up and down along the vertical columns, and the carriage is run and moved along the linear rail.

Claims 8-11 have been added.